

FARNWORTH LITTLE THEATRE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Background

Farnworth Little Theatre was established in 1948 with our first main production at the local Co-op hall the following year. We moved into the King's Hall in 1952 then into our current premises a declining Church Army mission, on a long lease in the early 60s. In 1997 an agreement was reached with the Parish Church on a price for the building, and purchase was completed at the end of 2001. The auditorium has been completely refurbished and a disabled toilet installed.

Farnworth Little Theatre became a registered charity on 30 June 1981 and has since provided open membership to the people of Farnworth and district for the purpose of educating the public in the art of drama and the furtherance of public appreciation and taste in drama by studying and regularly performing plays of merit in our own permanent theatre.

Current Trustees

Phil Brookes – Pam Massey – Adrian Mottram- Chris Norris

Officers

President: Christine Darlington Email: info@farnworthlittletheatre.co.uk

Secretary: Susan Howard Email: secretary@farnworthlittletheatre.co.uk

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Membership Fees: £10.00; youth under 18: £5

Bar: Premises License

Charity Reg. No.: 511428

Summary of the year

During the last season the theatre has continued with general maintenance to ensure that the theatre is kept upto a high standard for our members and audiences. We started our season with a murder-mystery inspired, 'A Party to Murder' with a gentle nod to Agatha Christie. A deeply moving and emotional roller-coaster ride in 'The Lovely Bones'. A comedy followed with 'A Comedy of Tenors'. The classic 'Educating Rita' was then followed by 'Death of a Salesman' which won the prestigious Greater Manchester Drama Federation's J. Lees-Jones Shield for best overall drama. The second season in a row we had won such an award.

Our average attendance of all plays throughout the season was 95% and our finances continue a sound footing.

Plans for 2024/25

Our play selection committee have selected a fantastic mix of plays for the coming season with a good mix of old a new and thought provoking plays, And Then Were None by Agatha Christie, The Father by Florian Zeller, Private Lives by Noel Coward, I am a Camera by Jonathan Van Druten and The Revlon Girl by Neil Anthony Docking.

Conclusion

The trustees, having had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance are confident that Farnworth Little Theatre is being managed effectively and is fulfilling its' obligations to our members and the wider community.

Farnworth Little Theatre
Registered Charity No 511428

Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of Farnworth Little Theatre for the year ended 30th June 2024

I have reviewed the accounts on a prima facie basis from the invoices, bank statements, Nominal Activity Lists, Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet provided to me by the Honorary Treasurer.

These include the following accounts:

- Current account
- Bar account
- Business Reserve (Deposit) account
- Petty Cash
- Bar Cash
- Box Office Cash

I have not carried out a full financial audit and have not confirmed that the amounts are correctly attributed to each category, but I have undertaken the following checks:

1. Checked the debits and credits in the Nominal Activity lists to the debits and credits in the bank statements for the Current account, the Bar account and the Deposit account.
2. Checked that there are invoices to match the majority of the debit items in the Nominal Activity lists for the Current account and the Bar account. At the time of the audit, the bills from Opus Energy were not available, but the Treasurer will present them to the Auditor as soon as possible.
3. Undertaken a visual check of the items in the Nominal Activity lists for the three Cash accounts to ensure they are reasonable and consistent with expected expenditure. I have also checked that the cash amounts paid into the bank appear on the bank statements.
4. Checked that the difference between the opening and closing bank and cash balances is equal to the net profit of £10,390.34 shown in the Profit & Loss account.

Following these checks, I concur that the income and expenditure shown in the Profit & Loss Account tallies with the bank statements and the Nominal Activity lists, that the Balance Sheet figures are correct and that the net profit for the year of £10,390.34 is correct.

Congratulations on another extremely successful year!



Steve Benson
Hon Auditor

Farnworth Little Theatre
Profit & Loss Account
For the Year to 30th June 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Sales			
Bar Sales	9,870.81	8,361.20	
Ticket Sales	30,273.44	24,941.52	
Memberships	575.00	540.00	
Flutter Income	1,535.00	1,681.50	
Tea & Coffee Sales	733.10	842.78	
Ice Cream Sales	1,934.52	1,167.00	
Programme Sales	883.10	765.69	
Programme Advertising	200.00	100.00	
Theatre Hire	-	100.00	
Script Hire	90.00	40.00	
Pat's Books	207.07	195.88	
Costume & Props Hire	-	80.00	
Bank Interest Received	924.02	294.37	
Donations and Grants	20.00	1,303.50	
	137.19	137.19	40,413.44
	47,246.06		
Purchases			
Bar Purchases	6,742.23	4,346.67	
Flutter Prizes & Expenses	1,527.19	1,241.48	
Tea & Coffee Purchases	209.25	219.99	
Ice Cream Purchases	1,220.87	712.72	
Programme Printing	613.60	598.00	
	10,313.14	7,118.86	
			7,118.86
Direct Expenses			
Sets, Props & Costumes	3,573.54	3,306.90	
Publicity	2,097.10	1,526.89	
Scripts	641.44	586.44	
Licences	3,836.54	4,023.36	
Miscellaneous Expenses	217.58	299.85	
	10,366.20	9,743.44	
			9,743.44
	26,566.72		
Gross Profit/(Loss):			23,551.14
Overheads			
Rates & Insurance	4,364.11	5,406.77	
Heat, Light and Power	8,003.57	6,200.05	
Printing and Stationery	12.07	45.47	
Telephone and Computer charges	830.73	718.16	
Professional Fees			
Maintenance	2,274.09	4,391.38	
Bank Charges and Interest	175.81	230.48	
Donations	100.00		
Subscriptions	176.00	121.00	
Adjudications & Entry Fees	240.00	307.28	
	16,176.38	17,420.59	
			17,420.59
Net Profit/(Loss):	10,390.34	6,130.55	

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Balance Sheet
At 30th June 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fixed Assets		
Property	37,000.00	37,000.00
	37,000.00	37,000.00
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Deposits and Cash	105,568.06	94,877.72
Debtors	-	-
	105,568.06	94,877.72
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	888.00	588.00
	888.00	588.00
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:	104,680.06	94,289.72
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:	141,680.06	131,289.72
Long Term Liabilities		
Total Assets less Total Liabilities:	141,680.06	131,289.72
Capital & Reserves		
Reserves	131,005.72	124,875.17
Youth Group	284.00	284.00
P & L Account	10,390.34	6,130.55
	141,680.06	131,289.72